Water supply Scheme in Cuddappah District of Andhra Pradesh

1358. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any proposals received from the Government of Andhra Pradesh regarding rural water supplies scheme in the Cuddappah district of Andhra Pradesh with the help of E.E.C. is pending with the Centre; and

(b) if so, what is the progress in finalisation of the scheme and the expenditure involved therein ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) The State Government of Andhra Pradesh had forwarded a project report for bilateral assistance to cover 17 villages and their hamlets costing Rs. 135·60 lakhs to benefit a total population 86,356. In July, 1988, the State Government was advised to send certain clarifications on some of the technical aspect of the project which are still awaited.

Drought Assistance to Madhya Pradesh

1359. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh had requested to the Central Government for financial assistance amounting around Rs. 88 crores to help and meet drought situation in various districts of Madhya Pradesh this year: and

(b) if so, the details thereof and what is Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV) : (a) and (b) Government of Madhya Pradesh submitted a memorandum during 1988-89 seeking Central assistance of Rs. 88.03 crores for drought relief. Based on the report of the Central Team and recommendations of the High Level Committee on Relief thereon, a ceiling of exependiture of Rs. 14.01 crores has been approved to the State Government for drought relief.

Preservation of Fruits and Crops

1360. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of measures have been taken for preservation of crops and fruits ;

(b) if so, whether it has been urged to the State Governments for establishment of an Advance Centre for Research & Training of pest-harvest technology of horticulture of the Indian Agricultural Research Institute; and

(c) whether any final decision in this regard has been taken and if so, what are the steps being taken to preserve crops and fruits ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV) : (a) Yes, Sir

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The Indian Council of Agricultural Research has taken up major research programmes for preservation of crops and fruits in different ICAR Institutes and through All India Coordinated Research Projects operating in the State Agricultural Universities with the following objectives :—

1. To develop improved techniques for handling, storage, packaging, transportation and processing to improve shelf life of the fruits ; and

2. To develop low cost techniques to minimise harvest and post-harvest losses and production of value added products from cereals, pulses and oilseed crops.

Refund of Money Deposited with HUDA

1361. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Gurgaon, comes within the National Capital Region Plan and thousands of Delhites apply for plots sought to be sold by HUDA ;

(b) whether crores of rupees of residents of Delhi had been deposited with HUDA for the draw held last month ;

(c) whether the Central Government propose to take with Haryana Government the matter of refund of money of unsuccessful depositors so that the money is received by them at an early date ; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI) : (a) to (d) Gurgaon comes within the National Capital Region. The refund of earnest money wherever due is the responsibility of the Government of Haryana/HUDA.

Lapses in supplies of controlled cloth to the State of Sikkim by NCCF

1362. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV: SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA ;

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that although lapses by some officers of NCCF have been established in supplying 1800 bales of controlled cloth to the State of Sikkim as against its normal quota of 48 bales, no disciplinary action has been taken against them by NCCF ; and

(b) if so, what disciplinary action Government propose to take against each NCCF officials and by when ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) and (b). The case was investigated by the CBI which did not find involvement of any officer of NCCF in the irregularities. However NCCF have initiated minor penalty proceedings against one Assistant Manager.